

Ensnarement of divers honest men whose intentions are Good Liber M C
were they not so deluded we do therefore will and require you
our said Lieu^t and Council to use your best Endeavours upon
all Occasions for the timely suppression of all such false
Rumours and Reports as aforesaid and to find out the Authors
and Publishers thereof and to Cause them to be Punish'd
According to their demerits and we also Recommend it to the
Consideration of our General Assembly there whether it be
not Convenient to make a Law in that Province as there is in
England for the punishment of all such as shall publish false
news to the disturbance of the minds of the People and the
publick peace for the better prevention of the Mischiefs which
by Experience have been found to be Caused thereby not
doubting but our said Assembly will be as sensible of any dis-
honour or wrong which may be done unto us by any such false
Reports as we are and ever shall be of any Prejudice which
may happen by that or any other way to them or to any of the
Inhabitants of our said Province for the better Manifestation
whereof and of our mind in all Other things herein Contained
we have thought fit and do hereby will and require our Lieu-
tenant of our said Province of Maryland for the time being to
Cause this our declaration to be read to the upper and Lower
house of our General Assembly there and to be published at
the usual Places of Publishing Our Ordinances and Edicts in p. 438
our said Province Given under our hand and Greater Seal at
Arms the six and twentieth day of August in the twentieth
year of Our Dominion over the said Province and in the Year
of Our Lord One thousand six hundred fifty and one